

16. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting of the Community Affairs Committee held on Thursday 18 February 1999 in the Parklands Community Centre at 8.00 am

16.1 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Paul McOscar briefed the Committee on the history of the Parklands Community Centre and the history of the Parklands United Sports Club. Paul explained that the sports club was one of the largest in Christchurch and catered for soccer, cricket, netball and touch rugby. He advised that club members were now in excess of 800 people and that this was on the increase.

Paul went on to explain that the Parklands Project Team had been set up to consult with the community and to investigate the community needs in light of funding set aside for alterations to the Parklands Community Centre. Pressure was currently on the reserve and there were a number of buildings currently outside of the community centre footprint that took up space. Paul also advised that the population in Parklands was on a steady increase and had grown by 19% between 1991 and 1996, he further advised that the population was still rapidly expanding. Paul stressed that it was therefore important that the Board consider a multi-use facility that would meet the needs of the Parklands community both in the short-term and long-term.

16.2 PARKLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS

Lindsay Fleming presented a brief outline of the proposed best solution design and requested that the Board supported the allocation of \$765,800 towards the preferred option of the Parklands Project Team.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Parklands Residents' Association's President, Kem Jervois-Chennery reiterated that the residents' association would like to see the preferred option of the Parklands Project Team as it accounted for long-term needs of the Parklands community. Mr Jervois-Chennery also thanked the Board for taking the time to view the facility and to understand the issues.

The Community Affairs Committee **resolved** to make the following recommendations to the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board:

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Burwood/Pegasus Community Affairs Committee recommend to the Board its support of the Parklands Community Centre additions and alterations as assessed by the Property Unit for the additional sum of \$269,500 in the 1999/2000 financial year.
 2. That the Chairperson and Glenda Burt request speaking rights at the budget review meeting.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the aforementioned recommendations be adopted.